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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, TO EXEND ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE AND IN PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PALO VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SANTA CRUZ WATER COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Docket No. W-01445A-06-0199

Docket No. SW-03575A-05-0926

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GLOBAL'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO INTERVENE BY

THE ROBSON UTILITIES

Santa Cruz Water Company, LLC; Palo Verde Utilities Company, LLC; Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company and Global Water - Palo Verde Utilities Company (collectively, "Global") hereby respond in support of the Motion to Intervene filed by the Robson Utilities on May 18, 2006. The sweeping application filed by Arizona Water Company ("AWC") covers more than a hundred square miles of Pinal County, and presents vitally important questions that will impact the future of Pinal County for generations to come. Some of these important questions are:

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- (1) Should a utility be allowed to undertake a vast land grab without support from landowners or local governments? Here, AWC has submitted requests for service directed to it for less than 3/10 of 1% of the area it requested, as Global noted in its letter filed April 7, 2006.
- Where will the water come from? AWC does not have a Designation of Assured Water Supply ("DAWS"), and it has not submitted a Certificate of Assured Water Supply ("CAWS"). Should a DAWS be required? And if not, should a CAWS be required? If groundwater will be used, what effect will the withdrawal of groundwater to support 100 square miles have on other providers such as Global and Robson?
- (3) Given that AWC's application covers only water service, how will wastewater service be provided? Is AWC proposing the use of septic systems for such a vast area? If so, what would the environmental effects be on Pinal County?
- (4) Are integrated water, wastewater, and reclaimed water service superior to standalone water-only service, as the Commission found in the Woodruff case, Decision No. 68453 (Feb. 22, 2006)? Should the use of reclaimed water be encouraged to reduce usage of groundwater?

These important issues are raised by AWC's application. The entire Pinal County area, including Robson, will be affected by the Commission's resolution of these issues. Further, Robson's experience with regard to these matters will be helpful in helping develop a record. Accordingly, Global recommends that the Motion to Intervene of the Robson Utilities be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of June 2006. 1 2 ROSHKA DEWULF & PATTEN, PLC 3 4 By 5 6 7 8 Original + 17 copies of the foregoing filed this / day of June 2006, with: 9 10 **Docket Control** 11 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 West Washington 12 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 13 Copies of the foregoing hand-delivered/mailed this / day of June 2006, to: 14 Yvette B. Kinsey, Esq. 15 Administrative Law Judge Hearing Division 16 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington 17 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 18 Christopher C. Kempley Chief Counsel, Legal Division 19 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington 20 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 21 Ernest G. Johnson, Esq. Director, Utilities Division 22 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington 23 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 24 Robert W. Geake, Esq.

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